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DEADLINE FOR SEVENTY-FIRST ISSUE----------August 1

Message from your President:

Well it has been a busy quarter to say the least. Starting out with an invitation to speak at the California State Symposium in Fullerton, Ca. on Saint Patrick's day. I had a chance to hold a 76oz bar of gold from the S.S. Central America in my hand. A week Later I was fortunate enough to attend The A.N.A. National Money Show in Salt Lake City, and was present in the room when they auctioned off the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel for 1.6 million dollars, another once in a lifetime opportunity. Just recently attended the Central States Numismatic Society convention in Indianapolis and held in my hand a 1796 large cent in choice BU condition, price was only $49,500.00. It sure would look nice in my type set, but unaffordable at this time.

All these events always have something to offer; sometimes you have to venture outside your local coin club meetings to see something you have never seen before. I encourage everyone to seek out a club that they have never attended a meeting at, Try it, you might like it. You might just join that club. Every club does something different, and that is what makes coin collecting a coin clubbing fun. You get a chance to do something different. Some clubs have live auctions, some silent auctions, others conduct annual book sales, Lots of clubs has show and tell, almost all clubs have monthly drawings. Some clubs offer incentives for attendance. Try attending another coin club and see if you come away with the feeling, gee that was a neat club. I really enjoy visiting different clubs, because they all have something different that makes it standout from other clubs.

Norcal IV is shaping up to be another fantastic event including, guest speakers, club meetings and Sunday youth auction. Saturday night will feature the annual Banquet with special awards presented, I sure you can make a point to attend.

Yours in Numismatics,
Steamer
Mike Stanley

2001 MILLER MEDAL

President Mike Stanley officially *again* reminds that the deadline for the 2001 written nominations for the Association's revered Miller Medal, the *Ron Miller Memorial Award*, is **June 30, 2001**. Only written nominations to the President shall be acceptable, and these may be mailed directly to his attention at '*2107 Gill Drive, Concord, California, 94520-2232*'.

The Charter governing this Miller Medal states "the criteria shall be: superior, sustained, and significant support and service to numismatics and its coin hobby and/or devotion and dedication , consistent and meritorious, to numismatic organizations". In addition, "any active coin hobbyist residing within California at least five (5) full year prior with a verified record of service and support--significant and substantial involvement and interest--in numismatics may be nominated".

The full Charter may be requested from Your Editor at '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*'.

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

In the January 2001 NCNA HEADS AND TALES, Your Editor, *speaking in the third person*, initiated the first of a three-part reflection for this Twentieth (20th) Anniversary Year of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, 1981-2001, and the three themes chosen were RESPECT, RECOLLECTIONS, and RESOLVE. The January 2001 Issue reflected upon RESPECT, and the September 2001 Issue will reflect on RESOLVE. This Issue is RECOLLECTIONS, remembering, if you cannot honor the past, you cannot commit to the future.

The most precious and most personal treasure of human existence----the very definite division between us, mankind, and the rest of the living Creation that we share within this unlimited Universe----is man's, and women's, ability and power to hold memories, not just for survival yet to warm our hearts when in turmoil and in time of doubt and darkness, to counsel us when trials and troubles cloud judgement and blind us to our faith, and to strengthen us through those turmoils and tribulations that are so much of living in this modern world.

Memories Are Treasures. Memories are not just graying and foxing papers in a shoe box in the attic. Memories are more than those long unidentified Brownie snapshots. Memories are those 'stuff'----*an old snapshot, a letter, a yearbook, or a keepsake*----that bring a tear to the eye, a crack to the limps, and warmth to the heart.

With this, let me here honor those, now gone, who made it possible, and are, in the end, the primary factor for my being here now. It is to them----as well as so many now living----that all that I am. All that I should be, is their credit, candidly, claiming anything upon my part.

These, now gone, are: **Bill Cummings, Ozzie Stout, Lucky Williams, Helen L. Carmody-Lebo, *and* Ron Miller.**

Somewhere and sometime ago, I have written about the five aforementioned individuals, whose common denominator was their intense devotion and dedication to our hobby, and each in his or her own way is responsible for me remaining Editor of NCNA HEADS AND TALES for these twenty years, for me becoming more-than-ever involved in our hobby, for breaking my opposition and expanding my service into the American Numismatic Association and California State Numismatic Association, and for those numerous awards hung and mounted that about me as I word-process this.

They made the hobby become my life, and my life was enriched by their advise, concern, and wisdom. True, each had his or her individual complaint. Mrs. Carmody-Lebo----*whom I never addressed by her first name as a matter of respect and honor*---never thought much of my continued immaturity and not wearing a suit nor even owning one! Ron often questioned the validity of NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Ozzie would smile and joke about my Republicanism. Lucky stated, quite strongly, that I still had a lot to learn, and Bill often suggested do not over extended plus warned me 'to-be-careful'.

There is much that I could expound here as to what was learned, gleaned, and observed. There are many tales and stories to reminisce. Bill attended the 1927 World Series in New York City; and who can talk about that? Lucky earn his nickname one night in a game in his beloved home state of Tennessee. There are equally questions that I wish I had asked each. There are things I should have done.

They are gone. I am left only memories, the recollections that shall endure until my own mortal being, for whatever it has or might be worth, passes into what reward or punishment that shall be my final rest. Those recollections still comfort and counsel.

Yes, these individuals, many if not all NCNAers, may have never been heard of. Yes, they are dead. Yes, the dead are buried. But, recollections are founded on memories, and these are the foundation to which one progresses----one step at a time----into the still unknown tomorrows yet to be.

For me, where I have been, and where I shall now go, remains always, today and tomorrow, with the hope and faith of Bill, Ozzie, Lucky, Mrs. Carmody-Lebo, and Ron. To them, I credit all. My tribute and testimony to them, and so many others, is found in the sincerity and prayers of and from my heart. Rest Assured They Shall Remain Forever With Me.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turini
Editor

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

MAY 2001 ISSUE OF NCNA HEADS AND TALES

Due to a problem with our printer, there may be delayed in the actual mailing of this May 2001 Issue. It was prepared and ready; however, instead of being mailed in late April and early May, the mailing might be later than anticipated. Apology Is Expressed.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Association's Board of Directors will gather at *2:30 PM during the Vallejo Numismatic Society's Twenty-Ninth (29th) Annual Vallejo Coin Show, in the Solano County Building, Art Exhibit Room, on the Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, off Highway 37 and I-80, in north Vallejo*. All Club Delegates and others are welcomed to attend both Board Meetings, and specific information as these two upcoming gatherings may be telephoned to President Mike Stanley at '925-825-0649' or xsteamerx@aol.com.

2001 NOR-CAL IV SHOW

Our Association will sponsor its Nor-Cal IV Show on *Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 27, 28, and 29, 2001, the last weekend of July, at the Concord Sheraton Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, off Concord Avenue, in Concord, California. The Show's hours will be: Friday, 12:00 PM (Noon) to 6:00 PM, Saturday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Sunday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM*. Admission and Parking will be both FREE.

As this Issue is being prepared, details are still be finalized. Here is reported what is confirmed to date:

BOURSE: Bourse Applications are now ready , and potential coin dealers may contact '*Vince Lacariere, Fremont Coin Gallery, 3769 Peralta Blvd., Suite #L, Fremont, California, 94590-3758*' or telephone him at '510-526-0538' or e-mail at CoinVince@aol.com.

MEETINGS: Three groups will gather at this year's Show: WESTERN WOODEN MONEY CLUB (WWMC), SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB (SSRC), and COMBINED ORGANIZATION OF NUMISMATIC ERROR COLLECTORS OF AMERICA (CONECA). These will meet on the Saturday, July 27th, and a room will be provided. Times are to scheduled.

SPEAKERS: Two have been invited to date: JOHN HOFFMAN, on 'Wood...If I Could', and SYD KASS, on Currency Printing Errors, exact title and topic to be set. Others are being invited.

SHOW DINNER: Will again be at Marie Callender's Restaurant, 2090 Diamond Blvd., two blocks from the Sheraton Hotel, on Saturday, July 28th, with arrival at 6:30 PM and Dinner 7:00 PM. The price will be $20.00, and dinner reservation forms will be prepared and mailed later.

EXHIBITS: Due to spacing and security, exhibits may be a problem; however, if you are interested, please contacted Your Editor at '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*' or telephone him at '707-453-6277' or e-mail at stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.K12.ca.us.

YOUTH TABLE: Sunday, July 29th, will be 'Coins-For-Kids Day', starting at 12:00 AM (Noon), with a Youth Auction coordinated by Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr.. This is for '*Kids Only*'.

FREE INFORMATION: Needless to say, there will be lots of free hobby periodicals.

DRAWING: A drawing (raffle) for gold prizes will be held, and tickets sold during the Show.

As in 2000, there will be a special mailing in June, about six to four weeks in-advance of the Show dates, to all Association and Club Members with the finalized details for the Show, the Show Dinner Reservation Form, schedule of activities, and other publicity. *Note:* this Show is also our Association's Fortieth (40th) Anniversary, 1961-2001.

ANNIVERSARY MEDAL

As is the tradition for our Association every five years, there will be a special commemorative medal this year, and Order Forms will be included in the aforementioned special mailing later in June. Please note the price and deadline dates, when you receive the Order Form.

IN MEMORIAM

Attached with this May 2001 NCNA HEADS AND TALES are two short eulogies by Part President EDWARD SINS in tribute to the late WENDELL J. HOOKER (1926-2000) and CONSTANCE B. PERHAM (1907-2001), both members of our Association and also Past Presidents. NCNA HEADS AND TALES extends its appreciation to Mr. SINS for writing and providing this testimonies.

ANNIVERSARY NCNA HEADS AND TALES

With this Issue, May 2001, NCNA HEADS AND TALES now enters its Twentieth (20th) Year, 1981-2001, and in the one score since Your Editor----*with no prior expertise nor experience in doing a newsletter*---- much has changed----*some for the good and some for the bad, candidly*----in our world and in our hobby. When it was started, Issue One----*titled First Edition, April 1981*----it was typed on an Underwood Manual Upright Typewriter, and then later on IBM Wheelwriters and Selectrics. Word Processing, using Adobe PageMaker, did not begin until the September 1997 Issue. All Issues, absolutely all, have been prepared and done, even mailed, by the same Editor. As can be read, the format has remained the same, save some minor changes, and it has always been printed, or mimeographed, on 20# goldenrod paper. The Issues were quarterly through October 1991, and since the January 1992, three-times-a-year. This May 2001 is the Seventieth (70th) continuous Issue.

Originally, there were intended to be a wooden money issue enclosed in this Issue, to commemorate the Anniversary, and some other anniversary-type stuff; however, with the other enclosures and the IN MEMORIAM having priority, plus the concern to timely printing and mailing, such has been postponed until the September 2001 Issue.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY NCNA ITSELF

On August 7, 1961, several northern California numismatists met and founded our Association. Your Editor has been in telephone exchange with DENIS HOOKER, primary Founder, and Mr. HOOKER has expressed a willingness, health and obligations permitting, to attend the Nor-Cal IV Show this July and share his remembrances of the founding and early years of our Association. It is also hoped that EDWARD SINS may revise and recollect some his extensive work and effort done our Association's past and history. It anything is done by him, a special mailing will be done to the Association's Members.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, and news releases from these following local coin clubs. Please mail your periodicals and club news to Your Editor for reporting here and for inclusion in the quarterly CALCOIN NEWS of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA). Mail to the post office box published on the cover page. Thank You. *Note:* several local northern California coin clubs are not receiving their appropriate coverage for failure to provide Your Editor a complimentary copy of their respective monthly periodical. Those mailed as part of Your Editor's membership in said local coin club does not constitute the issue needed for the separately maintained file for the two aforementioned publications.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB The RECC had a special night for its March 14, 2001 meeting: 'My Favorite Reference Books' with these participants: ANITA SUYEYOSHI, Cherry Pickers Error Guide, DAVID AVILA, RED BOOKS, KEN JORDAN, Book of World Coins, 26th Edition, EVAN and PATRICK LABRUZZO, their first books not named, CURTIS SMITH, ANA Grading Book, LEE GONG, David Blain's Buffalo Head Nickels, JACK FREE, an appeal for donation to the forming RECC Library, MERLE AVILA, newly issued book on California Encased Coins, and WILLIE QUARANTE, with unrecorded title. This same meeting was the Club's 'Corned-Beef and Cabbage Night': "Nobody complained of going hungry", which is always true of an RECC social and eating event. The March 24 and 25, 2001 RECC Coin Show had an attendance of over four hundred (400) on the Saturday with over three hundred (300) on the Sunday. DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI did an Youth Table on the Saturday, and the Western Wooden Money Club (WWMC) assembled also on the same date. Saturday evening had the Annual Show Dinner at Santa Rosa's Cattlemen's. At the January 10, 2001 meeting, the RECC honored LEROY TOMASI for his fifty (50) years of continuous membership with an Honorary Life Membership. DOC SEELY became RECC Life Member #26, and ED REINFELD became RECC Life Member #27. Add also: HAROLD ROSE, Life Member #24. *Congratulations To All!*

GATEWAY COIN CLUB Reports that three of its members are presently serving the statewide California State Numismatic Association (CSNA): LILA ANDERSON and STAN TURRINI just elected to the Board of Directors, and TERRY WOODWARD was reappointed as the CSNA Librarian. The biggest honor to a GCC member was to respected and devoted JOEL ANDERSON, who at the February 2001 CSNA State Convention in Fresno, California, was bestowed the Association's highest honor, its Medal of Merit. The GCC has a Web Site: DOMINICO83@hotmail.com. Try It.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Has heard two fine PCNSers recently: February 28, 2001, HERB MILES, 'The Invisible Empire' and March 28, 2001, LARRY REPPETEAU, 'British Coin Weights'. Mr. MILES talk, 'The Invisible Empire', reviewed the history and background of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) via his extensive collection and study: "Drawing upon his extensive collection, HERB presented a history of the Klan and its beliefs...Many of the genuine KKK tokens contain cryptic messages, words, and abbreviations of this secret society. HERB explained that some were salutations, such as AYAK: 'Are You A Klansman?' and AKAI: 'A Klansman I Am'...HERB also explained that there are many fake KKK items in the marketplace. Most of these are 'too-good-to-be-true', meaning that these contain too many details or purport to date from very early periods of the KKK". His talk was so well-received that "the entire forty-minute presentation, illustrated by slides of HERB's collection, was videotaped and is available to" PCNS members. The current PCNS BULLETIN Editor is MICHAEL WEHNER, and the PCNS continues to meet on: '*Fourth Wednesday evenings, at 8:00 PM, Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval, at 38th Avenue, in San Francisco'. Note*: the neighboring San Francisco Coin Club meets at the same Hall but on the prior Fourth Tuesday. The PCNS also has a Web Site: www.pcns.org.

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Heard March 6, 2001 meeting STEPHEN M. HUSTON on 'The Crime of Coin Collecting': "his talk included coverage of old and new examples of Greshams' Law, which dictates that 'bad money drives out good money' from circulation. The esteemed Mr. HUSTON also agreed to return later in the year for a talk in his specialty field of ancient coins". Fine Presentation! The February 6, 2001 meeting had the sale of off-medal sets and the canceled die sold: DAVID EVANS one off-medal set $45.00 and ED FULWIDER one off-medal set $30.00 plus the cancelled die at $50.00. All proceeds were deposited in the Club's Treasury.

DELTA COIN CLUB Has Made and Printed Numismatic History! Its monthly NEWSLETTER, under editorship of SYD KASS, has for the recent months been "printed on recycled currency from the Crane Paper Company, the only current supplier of paper for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP)". If held upon to a light source, the paper is watermark 'Old Money' with the Recycled Emblem. The paper is a light green-tint gray, and is unique not available to the public. DCC President WILLIAM HORNING presented 'Topical Collecting' at he March 23, 2001 meeting: "with 2x2 plastic sheet holders of coins to emphasize his topics of bimetal coins, women on coins, animals, birds, odd-shaped coins, Indians on coins, transportation tokens, and many others, which were passed amongst those in attendance. The topic was well-covered along with examples of the numerous topics which he covered". The April 13, 2001, Good Friday, meeting heard a joint presentation by STAN TURRINI and MIKE FIORE, 'Enjoying Currency'. Using their collective experience and collections, they emphasize the happiness and enrichment one can enjoy when becoming a 'rag-picker'. Many of their pieces and items in their collections are not found in the famous Syd Kass Collection.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB *Special Thanks* is expressed by the PCC to these members who have made generous donations to the Club: BRUCE GREENBELT, RICK STETTA, and FRED G. van den HAAK. PCC member DAVE CONLON's design was selected for the Club's 2001 Club medal. However, the Club has some bad news to report: "We are still missing the lead trial strike of our 2000 Club Medal? It is believed loaned to a member and not returned. Any Help Out There?".

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY As this issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES is being prepared, the DNS is finalizing a special program, 'ANA Member Night'. Thanks to the cooperation of the American Numismatic Association (ANA), those known ANA Individual Members living within the central Contra Costa region were invited to the Society's April 17, 2001 'Hot-Dog Night'. The purpose of this special dual Night were twofold: provide a relaxing social for the Society's members and to attract new members to the Society. A special mailing marked for ANA members was prepared, and this event was coordinated by DNS President MIKE FIORE and ANA Regional Coordinator STAN TURRINI. Reports as to its success will be published in the next issue of CALCOIN NEWS and the semiannual STAN-O-GRAM done by Regional Coordinator STAN TURRINI. The DNS celebrated its Forty-First (41st) Anniversary last March 15, 2001 at Concord's Marie Calendar's Restaurant. STAN TURRINI served as the event's Master of Ceremonies (m/c) and designed and donated a commemorative place mat and souvenir card. This Society may be e-mailed at xsteamerx@aol.com.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB Has, at last, issued and delivered its California Sesquicentennial silver round with a final mintage of fifty-six (56). The Club is considering a proposal by President STAN TURRINI of producing a short three-year series on Theodore Roosevelt, 'TR', who became the youngest President in September 1901. The Club will meet at the *May 6, 2001 Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, on the Solano County Fairgrounds, in the Solano County Building, at 10:30 AM*. The Fairgrounds are located at '*900 Fairgrounds Drive, off I-80 and Highway 37, in Vallejo, California*'. Information may be e-mailed to stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.K12.ca.us.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB Has elected its 2001 Officers, and they are: BILL BARTZ, President, JEFF MILLER, Vice-President, STAN TURRINI, Secretary, and RUSSELL LEACH, Treasurer. The Club also has a new newsletter name, the first in the Club's entire history, for the newsletter simply was addressed as the 'newsletter'. It is FAIRFIELD MONEYGRAM, and this name is credited to Past President JOE SIROIS. The February 28, 2001 meeting heard Secretary STAN TURRINI speak on 'What Is Money?': "he reviewed the monetary concepts of money and explained examples of money from some items that he had brought to share. The points of 'hard money', 'fait money', the functions of money, 'near money', and coinage medals were among the concepts expressed in his short, but informative, talk". The March 28, 2001 meeting had respected FCC member JAN HENKE speak on 'Designing A Club Medal', based upon his extensive experience in such.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Will sponsor its Twenty-Ninth (29th) Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show on '*Sunday, May 6, 2001, Solano County Building, Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, California*'. Enter via Sage Street, Gate #1. Two groups will gather at this Show: 10:30 AM, the Solano Silver Round Club and 1:30 PM Western Wooden Money Club. The Society's meeting Show 'n Tell theme of 'Wild, Weird, and Whacky Coins' had these participants: BOB KECK, Token Holder Display Card, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, the Ugly Peso: .100 fine silver Morales Peso, DR. HOWARD C. LONSDALE, four foreign coins found in junk boxes, STAN TURRINI, 1912 dated 'Racketeer Nickel' and two Katanga Crosses, BILL BARTZ, Anthony Dollar sticker safety award, GERALD DOHERTY, 2001 Australian Kookaburras, JOSEF KLAUS, 1923 Five Hundred Billion Mark Note, EP WALLAKER, Worn Quarter, GORDON DONNELL, 1804 replica Gallery Mint dollar, found behind his Lazy-Boy, JOE SIROIS, the authorized Arkansas State Quarter design, JEFF MILLER, Token Holder, and HARRY DAVIS, Annan die-casted coin. JAN HENKE also spoke before the VNS at its March 7, 2001 meeting on 'Designing A Club Medal', and his design of Mare Island Naval Shipyard's famous St. Peters Chapel has been selected for the VNS's 2001 Club Medal. *Note:* Order Form for this Medal is enclosed with this issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, a service available to other local northern California coin clubs too. Information on the VNS or its Coin Show may be e-mailed to stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.K12.ca.us or xsteamerx@aol.com. Exhibitors are warmly welcomed at this year's Show: special enticement for anyone exhibiting, competitively or otherwise.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB Has elected its 2001 Officers, and they are: BRUCE BRAGA, President, BILL PEAVEY, Vice-President, ALEX CHIEN, Junior Vice-President, HELENA CHIEN, Recording Secretary, RAY NIBLETT, Corresponding Secretary, and GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Treasurer. The March 6, 2001 meeting was quite special, as reported in the April COIN PRESS: "At the March meeting, we had five, let's repeat FIVE, CCC Presidents in attendance. BRUCE BRAGA, current President, and the following Past Presidents: #4. WALLY WALLAKER, #8 DAN SHATTUC, #9 AL LO, #10 KEN BARR, and #13 and #15, AL LO, with AL LO setting the record....We did miss the following active Past Presidents: #3 and #13 PHIL SOLOMAN, #7 BOB KEEGAN, #11 RAY JOHNSON, and #14 ARDEN ESTES. ARDEN now lives in Fresno, California. Also in attendance was a family of three generations, our newly elected Youth Vice-President ALEX CHIEN, newly elected Recording Secretary HELENA CHIEN, ALEX's Mother, and HELENA's Mother, LI-MIIN. Also attending this meeting were four Charter members, those who joined the Club in 1970: WALLY WALLAKER, ANTHONY LUIZ, GEORGE LUIZ, and GEORGE TYSON, the latter three joined as Youths". Now Too Bad CCC! The Club's February 9, 2001 meeting heard member BOB ASCHE speak on 'DMPLs, Deep Mirror Proof Life Morgan Dollars': "He told us how these were made from proof dies, new dies, or repolished dies, and these are rare and worthwhile to collect. These can be cameo, brilliant, or grey, and BOB shared an example of each. DMPL's can be, also, in inexpensive as $30.00 or as expensive as ???". The CCC wishes to announce its 2002 Coin Show date: **February 11, 2002**; other details pending.

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB MARK W. CLARK continues to publish the Club's monthly TWO CENTS WORTH, and a few dedicated members continue to attend and to donate, keeping the other coin club in San Francisco alive. A plea is made to the SFCC many former members to contact the Club, rejoin, and, if able, to attend its monthly meetings: '*The Fourth Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval at 38th Avenue, in San Francisco*'.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB Has Been Active: March 11, 2001, with its coin show: "Special thanks to: LENNY CARBRAL, CHUCK HALL, DAN HENDESON, HOWARD KOSANKE, JAMES LAIRD, TOM SCHROEDER, RICH SPIVEY, SEAN KRAMER, and STEVE KRAMER. The Club would like to thank DON BARSI for volunteering to serve as the Club's American Numismatic Association (ANA) Representative". March 20, 2001 meeting heard longtime LVCC member CHUCK WHITE with his famous 'Eight Centuries in Eight Minutes', and both the March and April LVCC newsletters report his talk for both the March 20, 2001 and April 17, 2001 meetings. Did CHUCK take more than eight centuries or was it eight minutes?

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB March 28, 2001 was the SCCC 'Dog of Dog Contest': "LES SCHOOLCRAFT took low honors with his battered Indian Head Cent in the mutilated division and DOUG DANIELS took low honors with his terrible proof set in the natural division. LES lost for having the worst coin with unnatural wear, and DOUG lost for having the worst coin with natural wear. DOUG donated his back to the Club". The SVCC announces its *'Twelfth (12th) Annual Coin Show for Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15, 2001, at Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street, at 10th and L Streets in downtown Modesto, California'*. Information to 'SANDY WOODWARD, '209-668-3682'. Here is another tale from Life Member DOUG DANIELS: "The medal was from early 1700s and was struck in Germany. The dealer further related that the rhino (rhinoceros) jumped off the barge it was on and into the Rhine River where it was never seen again, not even the skeleton was found. The best guess was that it wandered onto some noble's estate, where he kept it and showed it to his friends. My (DOUG DANIELS) own rendition is somewhat different: I can just imagine the thing, the rhino, coming on a farm and a German farmer trying to milk it or hitch it to a plow...I can not get it out of my mind, and it made me wonder if this how the rhino go its name, from the Rhine River". Great Tale, DOUG!

RENO COIN CLUB Reports that RCC Life Member #2 ED HOFFMAN and HAL DUNN are starting a new coin club in Elko, Nevada, Elko Coin Club. RUSTY KING, Editor of the Club's RENO CARTWHEEL, often shares some profound thoughts: "My own involvement in the Reno Coin Club goes back to the third meeting in March 1984. I was very fortunate to meet people such as DAVE ANDREWS, PETE PLATH, JIM MELICK, LARRY DEMANGATE, and the late JUNE BLACK. All of these people realized, and still realize, that it is very important to share every bit of knowledge about coin collecting that is available to be shared. Coin collecting is a hobby that is meant to be shared not relegated to the back rooms of greedy old men. It is the oldest hobby enjoyed today by far, going back some 2,700 years. It is crucial that the Reno Coin Club be around in this area to continue spreading the good word about how much fun the honest collecting of coins is". Continuing, "It has been suggested to me that the RCC should do more for junior members in our Club. I believe that any coin club need to reach out to the lowest common denominator of coin collectors in the community. That is why we leaders of the RCC try and come up with a varied selection of programs that reach all ages and levels of coin collectors. It is not enough to reach out only to one sector of coin collecting. That is a self-defeating purpose!...I think it is more important to reach out to young adults in their 20s and 30s that look at coins as a way for families to spend quality time together, while enjoying a common pastime. Isn't that what the Reno Coin Club has always been?". The RECC may be contacted at '*PO Box 5178, Reno, Nevada, 89513-2359*'.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB Reports that longtime member and Past President CONSTANCE PERHAM passed away last January 28, 2001. *Note:* included with this issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES is a eulogy, originally published in the March SJCC NEWSLETTER as written by ED SINS. Another longtime SJCC member and also Past President DENIS HOOKER "donated to the Club the Ten Dollar Gold Coin that he won at this year's (January 2001) Show drawing (raffle)". The SJCC has lost an Editor, PETER FLORES, with the April 2001 issue: "After six years of writing this NEWSLETTER, this issue will be my last one. It is time for me to take a break and allow a new voice to be heard. My busy schedule with work, and home, and my health just do not allow enough time to put into this NEWSLETTER as it deserves. I hope the next person to edit this NEWSLETTER will enjoy bringing you this Club's information as much as I have".

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB Has a new meeting location: '*San Juan Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Avenue, between Madison Avenue and Greenback Lane, in Citrus Heights, California*'. To reach the Masonic Center, "from the south side of Sacramento, take Business Loop 80 east or I-80 west. Take the Madison Avenue exit and go to the right. Turn left on San Juan Ave. The Masonic Lodge is on the right hand side of the street. From the north area, take I-80 west and take the Elkhorn Blvd' Greenback Lane exit. Turn left on Greenback lane, turn right on the San Juan Avenue. The Masonic Lodge is on the left hand side of the street". This new meeting site was effective with the Club's April meetings and will remain through the next twelve months. The SVCC will not be sponsoring another Show another Fall 2002 at the Sacramento Convention Center. SVCC Vice-President DR. RODNEY W. BAKER spoke on the 'Coinage of Ireland' at the Club's February 28, 2001 meeting: "a talk on Ireland and the coinage of the Irish Free State and the Republic of Ireland. He also displayed his complete collection of the pound sterling Irish coins, 1928 thru 1969. The has the very rate 1943 florin of which there are only about twenty (20) know in the world today". The SVCC has begun a new program at its semimonthly meetings: "Who I Am', with the first at the Club's March 28, 2001 meeting: "The new educational program 'Who I Am' started with a bang. TOM BOWERS, JIM HAGGERTY, and ROBERT SPACEK, each member gave an interesting history of their collecting and their interests". Nice Idea! SVCC new President is MARION IMEL, and he joined the Club just back 1998, and already has some great ideas and work for the SVCC!

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Writes that is Sunday Bingo meetings have been suspended: "On the Sunday bingo meeting front, our Sunday meeting correspondent PHIL PLETTENER informed us at the February meetings that the Beverly Park Club House, which is the Sunday meeting place, has rented the location out to a church. The House will be used for its services. In other words, they lost their lease. So until they find another meeting place, the Sunday meetings will be postponed". The FNS will, however, continue its regular Second Tuesday evening meetings at its new meeting site: '*Las Palmas Masonic Temple, 2992 East Clinton, just west of First Street, Fresno, California*'. RANDY CLIFTON editorialized quite sincerely in the March FRESNO NUMISMATIST: "A hobby is something that one can devote spare time to, and some have more spare time than others...It just want to say to all of you who did put some time in, and you know as well as I who you are, I am grateful for what you did. Things of this magnitude [speaking of the recent February 2001 California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) State Convention held in Fresno, California] are not going to go on without a few hitches. We had a few, but we did our best to deal with these as best we could. I hope that if there are going to be one to criticize, that they will, at least, consider that. I am proud of all my fellow members that contributed to the Convention. You did good job, and you all should fell nothing less that good about yourselves for that". True Words! *Note:* The FNS has had a new mailing address for several months, and again, it is reported changed to: '*PO Box 11525, Fresno, California, 93773-1525*'.

IN MEMORIAM
CONSTANCE B. PERHAM, 1907-2001

It is with deep regret that I report to the membership of the death of past-president Constance B. Perham on Jan. 28, 2001.

Connie, as she was best known, will always be associated with the New Almaden area and the mercury mines that made it famous. Her parents, James and Adelaide Healy, purchased in 1926, the historic New Almaden adobe home and adjacent grounds in which she lived. Her primary concern in life, aside from her family, was the preservation of the history of the mining activity in this area. This study was culminated in the opening of the New Almaden Museum in 1949 in a building behind her home.

She first began attending coin club functions in the early 1950s and joined San Jose Coin Club in September 1953. Her husband, Douglas Perham, was president of the club that year. Unfortunately, flood damage to the family home in New Almaden took their toll on the Perhams. Much of the coin collection had to be sold, and they stopped attending the club meetings. Doug never came back.

Connie Perham returned to club functions, rejoining in May 1967 after the death of her husband. Connie was elected recording secretary in December 1969, a post she held for three years. In December 1973, she was elected vice-president. During this time, Connie assisted in the club activities, including the coin shows, and gave occasional talks as monthly speaker on the subject of the mining activities and tokens of the New Almaden mercury mines.

During this same period, Connie was intensely active in the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), assisting in publicity in 1970 and as publicity chairman in 1971-73. Connie passed through the vice-presidential ranks of that organization, and became president in 1974 following the death of Roy Hill. During her term of office, she was heavily involved in the issue of the second NCNA club medal and in the dual bicentennial theme for the United States and for San Francisco. Collectors of NCNA memorabilia can thank her for the bicentennial badges issued at this time. Following her term of office, she was deeply involved in the efforts required to establish NCNA as an exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service and the State of California.

After serving on the committee to overhaul San Jose Coin Club's by-laws in 1974, Connie was elected president in December of that year. She took office during a very turbulent time, during which the Hyatt House refused the coin show, necessitating its move to the Le Baron. During her term as president, Connie actively wove the U.S. and San Jose bicentennial themes into the club coin shows, creating a special display category for bicentennial exhibits. Shortly after her term as president, having reached the age of seventy years, Connie retired from active service on the Board, in her own words "leaving the club's leadership in the hands of younger people."

CONTINUING HER LONG TIME FRIENDSHIP WITH LILLIAN HOOKER, CONNIE REMAINED ACTIVE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION THROUGH 1990, AN ORGANIZATION IN WHICH YOUNGER PEOPLE WERE IN VERY MUCH SHORTER SUPPLY. DURING THIS TIME, SHE SERVED AS SECURITY CHAIRMAN (1985-87) AND AS VICE PRESIDENT (1986-87) SHE LEFT WHEN AT THE AGE OF 83, TRAVEL BECAME A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM.

CONNIE CONTINUED TO BE ACTIVE AT THE SAN JOSE COIN SHOWS, MIXING A FRIENDLY GREETING WITH A WATCHFUL EYE OVER THE EXHIBITS. SHE ATTENDED CLUB MEETINGS AND BANQUETS ON A REGULAR BASIS, SUBJECT ONLY TO THE AVAILABILITY OF A RIDE, UNTIL HER HEALTH FAILED.

CONNIE WAS ELECTED TO THE SAN JOSE COIN CLUB HALL OF FAME IN 1995.

SHE IS SURVIVED BY THREE SONS AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, INCLUDING SAN JOSE COIN CLUB LIFE MEMBERS KAREN ANGEL AND LAURA BYRNE, AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN INCLUDING LIFE MEMBER CHRISTOPHER KAMBISH.

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PAST PRESIDENT, NCNA

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COIN SHOW LIST

Due to the length of this Issue and the need to have it expedite as soon as possible, with the concerns for our printer (Dr. Rodney W. Baker, dba B&L Printing, Dixon, California), no Coin Show List was printed. Regret is expressed for the lack of this well-known NCNA service. The anticipated special mailing promoting the July Nor-Cal IV Show, which should be mailed by late June, *may* include the latest List.

COIN CLUB LIST

The next Edition of this service will be prepared and printed in-time for our Nor-Cal IV Show late July. Coin Clubs interested in revising, or just checking, their listing should communicate soon. Revisions and updating will commence soon. Write to '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*'.

IN MEMORIAM, WENDELL J. HOOKER, 1926-2000

WE REGRET TO ADVISE THE MEMBERS OF THE DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION PAST-PRESIDENT WENDELL J. HOOKER FROM A MASSIVE HEART ATACK IN SUTTER CREEK CA ON DECEMBER 27, 2000.

WENDELL, YOUNGER BROTHER OF DENIS HOOKER, WAS BORN IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA ON JANUARY 4, 1926. HAVING MOVED TO CALIFORNIA TO SEEK HIS FORTUNE, HE OPENED THE HAYWARD COIN SHOP IN 1953, MAKING HIS LIVING AS A FULL TIME COIN DEALER. HE WAS A CO-FOUNDER OF THE HAYWARD AREA COIN CLUB AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE CLUB DURING ALL OF THE TIME THAT IT OPERATED. HE JOINED THE SAN JOSE COIN CLUB IN 1958, AS DID HIS WIFE, BETTY (DECEASED) IN NOVEMBER 1960.

AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HAYWARD AREA COIN CLUB, WENDELL ATTENDED THE "KICKOFF" MEETING OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION IN SAN JOSE IN JUNE 1961, JOINING THAT ORGANIZATION AS A CHARTER MEMBER UPON ITS FOUNDING ON AUGUST 7, 1961. HE ACTED AS NCNA'S BOURSE CHAIRMAN DURING ITS OPENING CONVENTION AT THE JACK TAR (NOW CATHEDRAL HILL) HOTEL IN SEPTEMBER 1962, AND SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THROUGH 1965. IN ADDITION, HE SERVED A BOURSE CHAIRMAN WHEN SAN JOSE COIN CLUB HOSTED THE CAL STATE CONVENTION IN 1963.

HAVING CLOSED HIS STORE AT 930 C STREET, HAYWARD, IN 1965, HE WORKED FOR THE BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AS A TOLL TAKER ON THE DUNBARTON, SAN MATEO, AND SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGES UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT.

WENDELL HOOKER RENEWED HIS ACTIVITIES IN NCNA IN THE SEVENTIES, AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT DURING THE YEARS 1977 AND 1978. IN LATER YEARS, HE ACTED AS A CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

WENDELL IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, DEBRA IN SAN LEANDRO, AND JOAN IN SANTA ROSA.

WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS MAY RECALL THAT HE ISSUED A WOODEN NICKEL IN THE NAME OF HIS BUSINESS IN THE EARLY SIXTIES, BEARING THE COMMON INDIAN REVERSE. THE OBVERSE READS "HAYWARD COIN SHOP, 930 "C" STREET HAYWARD, CALIF. PH. 581-8308---PUBLIC TELETYPE SERVICE WEEKLY BID BOARD.

ARTICLE BY EDWARD SINS, PAST PRESIDENT
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The Vallejo Numismatic Society, Vallejo, CA is now accepting prepaid orders for their 2001 medal commemorating it's 29th Annual Coin Show.

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